

THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

On Sunday 4th June 2017, the Feast of Pentecost was celebrated with piety and spiritual gladness at the Holy Diocese of Congo-Brazzaville and Gabon. His Grace Bishop Panteleimon conducted the Divine Liturgy and preached the homily at the temporary Cathedral of St Dimitrius in Pointe-Noire.

During the homily His Grace emphasized the vital power of the Most Holy Spirit, which constitutes the institution of the Church and continues the work of the enlightenment of the Nations "to the ages", as occurred also in Congo-Brazzaville in 1984, when the truth of the Orthodox faith was revealed through the first preacher and later first Priest, the late Floribert Tchizibou from Lubumbashi in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly Zaire). That is why he urged the faithful not to forget both the contribution of the first pilgrims of the Gospel preaching and the Assistants of the Missionary efforts (Holy Metropolises, Monasteries, Ecclesiastical Organizations, Missionary and Philanthropic Societies, Brotherhoods and pious brothers and sisters from Greece, Cyprus, Lebanon and the Congo), as well as the highest honour and blessing of being spiritual children of the Apostolic and Patriarchal Throne of St Mark.

He concluded by conveying to all the paternal blessings and love of His Beatitude Theodoros II Pope and Patriarch of Alexandria and All Africa. Following the Eucharistic Gathering the "Kneeling Vespers" was served.